



news



HOME :: MY HY-VEE :: SIMPLE SHOPPING :: HEALTHY LIVING :: HELPFUL RESOURCES :: COMPANY INFO :: CONTACT US



a helpful smile  
in every aisle

#### Savings in your inbox

Enjoy home delivery.  
Get our weekly specials sent  
right to your e-mail.

#### Try something different tonight

Search through our database  
featuring thousands of  
delicious recipes.

PRESS RELEASES / RECALLS | [browse archives](#)

1/17/2009

### Hy-Vee Inc. Recalls Bakery Products with Peanut Butter Distributed in Seven States Due to Possible Health Risk

**WEST DES MOINES, IA**—Hy-Vee Inc. is voluntarily recalling the following products made in its bakery departments because they contain peanut butter that has the potential to be contaminated with salmonella: Peanut Butter Cookies, Monster Cookies, Peanut Butter Reese's Pieces Cookies, Peanut Butter Chocolate Chip Cookies, Lunchbox Reese's Pieces Cookies, Lunchbox Peanut Butter Cookies, People Chow Party Mix and Assorted Truffle Fudge. All sell-by dates are included in this recall. The products are sold in various packaging and quantities and have a Hy-Vee price label attached. All items should be destroyed or returned to Hy-Vee for a full refund.

The action was taken immediately after Peanut Corporation of America (PCA), the company that supplies bulk peanut butter to Hy-Vee, issued a recall of the peanut butter ingredient used to make the Hy-Vee bakery products. The recall is a precautionary step because of an unresolved nationwide outbreak of salmonella.

Salmonella is an organism which can cause serious and sometimes fatal infections in young children, frail or elderly people, and others with weakened immune systems. Healthy persons infected with salmonella often experience fever, diarrhea (which may be bloody), nausea, vomiting and abdominal pain. In rare cases, infection with salmonella can result in the organism getting into the bloodstream and producing more severe illnesses, such as arterial infections (i.e. infected aneurysms), endocarditis and arthritis.

The identified items, sold in all Hy-Vee stores in Iowa, Illinois, Missouri, Kansas, Nebraska, South Dakota and Minnesota, have not been directly linked to the salmonella outbreak and there have been no reported cases of the illness.

Hy-Vee Bakery Manufacturing of Des Moines, Iowa, supplies stores with many of their baked goods. PCA recalled a number of lots of the product this week after health inspectors found salmonella contamination in an already-opened container of peanut butter at a nursing home in Minnesota. Hy-Vee had been shipped product from two of the lots. Production was suspended immediately and stores instructed to remove baked goods that contained peanut butter from store shelves.

In addition, Hy-Vee has sent samples of the peanut butter to an independent lab for testing. Company officials emphasize that all these measures are precautionary and they are keeping close watch on the situation and FDA's efforts to find the source of the outbreak. Customers with questions should call their local store.

**Hy-Vee, Inc.** is an employee-owned corporation operating 225 retail stores in seven Midwestern states. For 2008 the company recorded total

#### SIMPLE SHOPPING

Weekly Specials  
Online Shopping  
Floral Shop  
Bakery  
Catering  
Home & Garden  
Gifts  
Photos  
Gift Cards  
Baby

#### HEALTHY LIVING

Health & Wellness  
Recipes  
Weekly Menu  
Pharmacy  
Videos  
Budget Meals  
30 Meals For \$3

#### HELFUL RESOU

Store Finder  
Wine & Spirits  
Pets  
New In Stores  
Midwest Heritage f  
Seasons Magazine  
Movies  
Coupons

#### COMPANY INFO

Careers  
Scholarships  
Hy-Vee Triathlon  
Cy-Hawk Series  
Upromise  
News  
About Hy-Vee  
Sustainability

sales of \$6.2 billion, ranking it among the top 30 supermarket chains and the top 50 private companies in the United States.

© 2005 Hy-Vee, Inc. | [Privacy](#) | [Security](#) | [Terms of Use](#) | [HIPAA Notice](#) | [For Employees](#) | [Suppliers](#) | [Contact Us](#)